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**Lt. Governor Announces Drug-Control Assessment Summit Team**

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Lt. Gov. Stephen B. Pence announced today the 50-member team of state, local and federal officials who will spend 20 weeks assessing Kentucky's substance abuse issues as part of Gov. Ernie Fletcher's Statewide Drug Control Policy Summit Initiative.

“We’ve assembled a stellar group of people for this assessment,” Pence said. “They are each knowledgeable in their field and are going to work to provide us with the information we need to do something about the drug problems in our Commonwealth.”

Summit members, who specialize in drug prevention-education, treatment and law enforcement, will conduct the first-ever collaborative evaluation of the state's substance abuse problem, examining it in each of those areas. They will concentrate on illegal drugs, inappropriate prescriptions for medications and youth alcohol and tobacco use.

The group will offer recommendations to the governor on establishing Kentucky's first statewide drug-control policy. It will be designed to produce greater, measurable results in reducing illegal drug trafficking and abuse, and eliminate duplication and gaps in services, ensuring that the state makes the best use of its resources.

During the Summit's first meeting, which will be Thursday, Feb. 12, members will appoint subcommittees that will conduct 16 public forums across the state to get input about drug use from citizens and local officials who are informed about the substance abuse issues in their communities.

Total funding for the assessment is \$160,000, none of which will be from the General Fund. The Kentucky State Police and the Kentucky Department of Vehicle Enforcement each contributed \$75,000 in Asset Forfeiture Funds, which is money seized from drug traffickers and forfeited by courts to KSP and KVE. U.S. Attorney Greg Van

Tatenhove, chairman of the Appalachia High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area's (AHIDTA) executive board, announced that AHIDTA will also provide \$10,000 in funding to the Summit. Funds remaining at the conclusion of the assessment will be returned.

Lt. Gov. Pence will hold a news conference following the Summit's first meeting. The news conference will be at 4:15 p.m. at the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority building on Airport Road in Frankfort. The building is next to the Kentucky State Police post.

The Summit members will meet at 2 p.m. in the KHEAA building.

For more information about the drug-control initiative, visit the Kentucky Drug Summit Web site at <http://kydrugsummit.ky.gov>.

The Summit consists of three panels: **Prevention-Education, Treatment and Enforcement**. Some officials have been assigned to more than one panel.

By panel, the Summit members and the organizations they represent are:

#### **Enforcement Panel**

**Co-chair** Greg Stumbo, Kentucky attorney general

**Co-chair** – Cleve Gambill, deputy secretary, Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

**Keith Cain**, Daviess County sheriff; president, Kentucky Sheriffs' Association

**Van Ingram**, Maysville police chief; president, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

**Lt. Col. Rodney Brewer**, acting deputy commissioner, Kentucky State Police

**John Bizzack**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training

**Rod Maggard**, director, Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center

**Gale Cook**, president, Kentucky Commonwealth Attorneys Association

**Harold Johns**, president, Kentucky County Attorneys Association

**Maj. Gen. Donald Storm**, Kentucky adjutant general

**William Walsh**, chair, Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and director, Southern Police Institute

**Greg Howard**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Vehicle Enforcement

**Frank Rapier**, director, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Alliance (HIDTA)

**Karen Engle**, director, Operation UNITE

**Joseph Lambert**, chief justice, Kentucky Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

**Stephen Horner**, commissioner, Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control

**Connie Payne**, manager, Kentucky Drug Court

**George Moore**, commonwealth's attorney, based in Mount Sterling

**Gary Oetjen**, acting special agent in charge, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisville

**Greg Van Tatenhove**, U.S. attorney, Eastern District

**David L. Huber**, U.S. attorney, Western District

**Terry Anderson**, Marshall County Sheriff; director, Tri-County Drug Task Force, drug task forces

**Dr. Tracey Corey**, Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office

### **Treatment Panel**

**Chair – Karyn Hascal**, acting director, Division of Substance Abuse, Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

**Rice Leach**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Public Health

**John Rees**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections

**Ron Bishop**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

**James Kemper**, Franklin County jailer; president, Kentucky Jailers' Association

**John Coy**, chairman, Kentucky Parole Board

**Dr. Danny Clark**, president, Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure

**David Sallengs**, Branch Manager, Drug Enforcement, Kentucky Department of Public Health

**Dr. Andrew Pulito**, president, Kentucky Medical Association

**Dan Howard**, director, Kentucky Association of Mental Health/Mental Retardation Programs

**Louise Howell**, director, Kentucky River Community Care

**Robert Walker**, UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research

**Dr. Rick Purvis**, director, Division of Mental Health, Kentucky Department of Corrections

**Drexel Neal**, acting director, Division of Community Corrections, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

**Chris Block**, program administrator, Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Programs, Kentucky Department of Corrections

**Ernie Lewis**, Kentucky public advocate

### **Prevention-Education Panel**

**Chair –Tim Eaton**, superintendent, Pulaski County Schools

**John Rees**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections

**Ron Bishop**, commissioner, Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice

**Mardi Montgomery**, Kentucky deputy secretary of education

**Van Ingram**, Maysville police chief; president, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

**Carl Leukefeld**, UK Center on Drug and Alcohol Research

**Keith Cain**, Daviess County sheriff; president, Kentucky Sheriffs' Association

**D.G. Mawn**, acting director, Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy

**James Kemper**, Franklin County jailer; president, Kentucky Jailers' Association

**Stephen Horner**, commissioner, Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control

**Carol Roberts**, executive director, Kentucky ACTION (Alliance to Control Tobacco)

**Jon Akers**, executive director, Kentucky Center for School Safety

**Steve Kirby**, attorney, Kentucky School Board Association

**Robert Biggin**, associate chair, Counseling and Educational Leadership Department, Eastern Kentucky University

**Sylvia Lovely**, director, Kentucky League of Cities

**Dianne Shuntich**, assistant director, Division of Substance Abuse, Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation

**Brigette Stacy**, Division of Student, Family and Community Support Services, Kentucky Department of Education

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